GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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OFF-LOADING OF FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the ports where the imported fertilizers are off-loaded in the country;

(b) whether the fertilizers weighted the same while loading and off-loading;

(c) if so, the name of the agency/agencies which established this fact;

(d) the quantum of intransition loss from the port to the distributor agent and the manner in which it is compensated for; and

(e) the percent of attrition loss attributed to off-loading at the godowns of distributors and loading these at the vehicles of retail vendors and also due to rupture caused in the sacks while being kept at godowns?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) : The ports in the country where majority of fertilizers is offloaded are Cochin, Hazira, Kandla, Mundra, New Mangalore, Pipavav and Rozi at West Coast India and Chennai, Gangavaram, Gopalpur, Haldia, Kakinada, Karaikal, Krishnapatnam, Paradip, Tuticorin and Vizag ports at East Coast India.

(b) & (c): The fertilizers are imported in bulk. The weight of the fertilizers loaded in a ship is determined based on the draft survey conducted by the reputed international surveyor companies during the loading operation at load port. The weight so determined is indicated in the Bill of Lading (BL Quantity). The quantity discharged from the ship at the discharge port in India is determined on the basis of joint draft survey conducted at discharge port during discharge operations by the surveyors of international/national repute.

(d) & (e): Government of India is not compensating losses incurred by the companies, if any, in moving of fertilizers from ports to the distributor/agent and or at retail vendor level etc. Urea is the only fertilizer imported on Government account and handled & distributed by the handling agencies appointed at various ports. The ownership of the material is transferred to these handling agencies on high seas. All other fertilizers are imported freely by the importers. The imported P&K fertilizers like DAP, MOP, TSP, MAP and various grades of NPK fertilizers are covered under the Nutrient Based Subsidy Scheme (NBS) and the payment of subsidy on these fertilizers is made initially on the basis of receipt of the quantity in the district. The final adjustment of subsidy is done on the quantity of fertilizers actually sold by these importers for agriculture use only.